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JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 2 of the Utah Constitution authorizes the President of the Utah Senate and the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives to issue a joint proclamation convening the Utah Legislature in a special session when two-thirds of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives favor convening the Legislature into a special session because an emergency in the affairs of the state necessitates convening the Legislature into session; and

WHEREAS, a poll conducted by the President of the Utah Senate and the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives determined that at least two-thirds of the members of the Utah Senate and at least two-thirds of the members of the Utah House of Representatives are in favor of convening the Legislature into a special session because of the COVID-19 emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, J. Stuart Adams, President of the Utah Senate, and Brad R. Wilson, Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, by the authority vested in us by the Utah Constitution, do by this joint proclamation, call the Sixty-Third Legislature of the State of Utah into a Third Special Session to be conducted electronically with the anchor location at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah on the 16th day of April, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. to consider:

1. authorizing the state to accept certain federal funds available from the United States government to assist states, political subdivisions, and individuals in addressing issues raised by the COVID-19 emergency and issues raised by steps taken to abate the emergency;
2. adjusting the fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 budgets to address the COVID-19 emergency and its impacts;
3. increasing the state's capacity to issue general obligation bonds by removing statutory limits on current debt authorizations;
4. making changes to budget implementation and budget reporting requirements;
5. making changes to the state's unemployment insurance program to reduce the waiting period before benefits can be distributed to an applicant under certain circumstances;
6. making changes to the state's workers' compensation insurance program to cover first responders who contract COVID-19 under certain conditions;



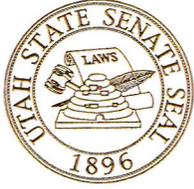
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7. making changes to income tax provisions relating to qualified retirement plan distributions, filing and payment deadlines, and extension requirements;
8. establishing protocols, requirements, and processes to guide the state toward economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency;
9. providing assistance to certain Utah businesses and residents negatively affected by the COVID-19 emergency;
10. making changes to requirements governing statewide emergencies, including pandemic emergencies;
11. making changes to requirements governing local government authority in emergencies, including pandemic emergencies;
12. establishing, or encouraging the establishment of, protocols, requirements, and processes to make it easier for patients to obtain safe medications that could positively affect outcomes for patients diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus;
13. establishing liability protection for certain entities that provide or support access to emergency medical treatments to address the COVID-19 virus and, with certain exceptions, establishing liability protection for health care providers who provide health care to a patient for an illness or condition that resulted from a declared public health emergency;
14. establishing processes to govern the 2020 regular primary election;
15. making changes to municipal annexation requirements;
16. making changes to the sales and use tax exemption for sales of fuel to a rail carrier for use in a locomotive engine and enacting related provisions;
17. creating a program to provide scholarships for students with disabilities to help cover certain costs to attend qualifying private schools, and creating related corporate and individual tax credits for certain donations to the scholarship program;
18. a resolution urging state and local government entities to exercise fiscal responsibility with the remainder of their 2020 budgets and to continue to limit spending in fiscal year 2021 because of the economic impact of the COVID-19 emergency.



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19. waiving the requirement for local education agencies to administer year-end statewide and other assessments for the 2019-20 school year; addressing statutory requirements impacted by the suspension of year-end assessments in the 2019-20 school year; granting a waiver from the requirement to pass a civics test as a condition for graduation if the student is a senior and meets certain conditions; and addressing the requirement that local education agencies perform educator evaluations for the 2019-20 school year;
20. a resolution expressing solidarity with the Chinese people regarding the COVID-19 virus; and
21. establishing liability protection for individuals and entities related to exposure to contagious diseases.

Stuart Adams
President
Utah State Senate

Brad Wilson
Speaker
Utah House of Representatives